

CIVIL WAR ON IN ITALY

REDS IN DRIVE TO WIPE OUT GEORGIA

FIGHT OVER FIUME IS BEGUN

ARMY-ASSEMBLED AT TUAPSE

Strike Republic From Map of Caucasus, Bolshevik Aim.

SITUATION STIRS THE ALLIES

May Lend Warships to Insure Evacuation of Missions

TIPLIS.—(By Associated Press.)—Russian Bolshevik forces appear to be concentrating for a campaign which will eliminate the republic of Georgia from the map of the Caucasus region. Heavy Soviet forces have been concentrated at Tuapse, a port on the eastern shore of the Black sea and at Gagra, a port still farther to the southeast toward the Georgian frontier. Other Bolshevik detachments are reported at Kizik, southeast of Tiflis, while the tenth Bolshevik army, which has been operating along the American frontier, is said to have passed thru Karakless, moving toward the Georgian republic.

OFFENSIVE PLANNED

Soviet troops along the frontier of Azerbaijan planned an offensive early this month against Georgia, but the move was encountered upon advice from M. Shiemann, Soviet representative here, who thought the moment for an offensive campaign had not arrived. Hope is entertained that the drive seemingly imminent at present may be postponed at the last moment.

GALICIA IN REVOLT.—Independent Galicia has been told by the Bolsheviks because of trade advantages offered at Batumi, which has been regarded in Moscow as a corridor which permitted the Bolsheviks to bring in supplies from Europe. Reliable information from Batumi, however, indicates serious disturbances, the Georgian garrison there having revolted. This resulted in a panic and people stormed the ships in the harbor, seeking to escape before the arrival of the Bolshevik troops, which were reported in the neighborhood.

'FINED' FOR LAUGH

Spectators in Akron Court Assessed for Girls' Home

AKRON.—(By Associated Press.)—The "contempt of conscience" fund started Wednesday by Police Judge L. C. Pardee, grew apace to judge when the judge once more "fined" spectators to raise money for the Christmas celebration at the Women's Detention Home.

Collection of the fund started Wednesday when a ripple of laughter among spectators caused Judge Pardee to announce that all present were "under arrest." The "fine" assessed consisted of contributions for inmates in the Women's Detention Home. Collections amounted to \$43.21.

"There are 29 girls in the detention home and they need Christmas presents," the judge said. "You spectators have been getting a lot of free entertainment here. Just step over to the clerk's desk and pay for it."

The money collected will be used to buy needed clothing for the girls. Mrs. Grace Hill matron, said. If enough is raised a Christmas tree celebration with little gifts may be arranged.

LOAN IS APPROVED

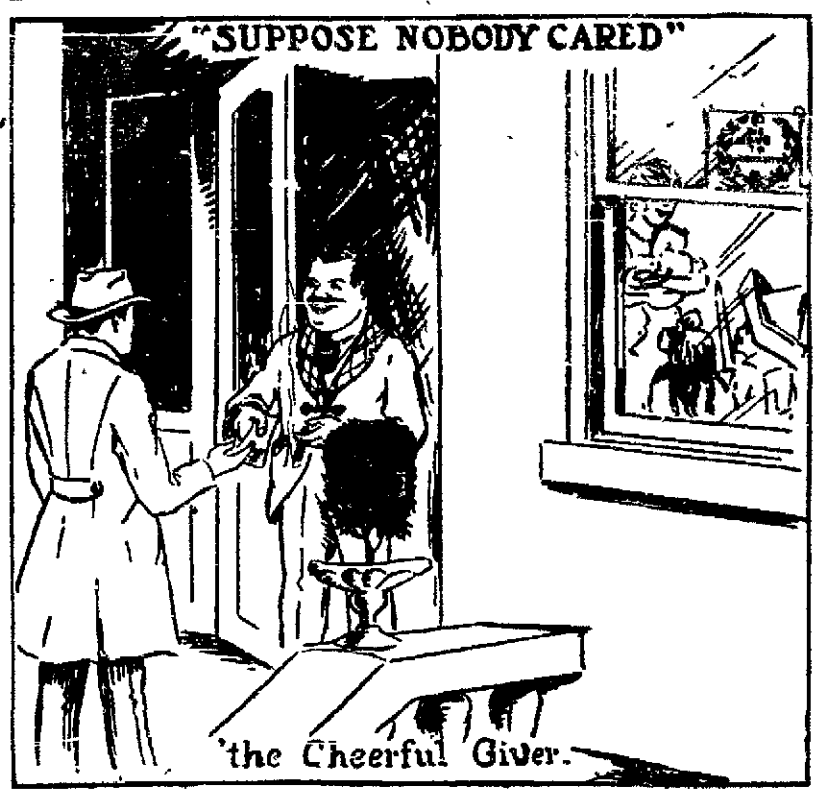
\$56,625,000 to be Spent by Railroads in Improvement

WASHINGTON.—A loan of \$56,625,000 to the New York Central and seven subsidiary lines to help finance the purchase of new equipment and additions and betterments to cost \$56,625,000 was approved Thursday by the interstate commerce commission. The roads are to furnish \$30,000,000 for the purpose and the fund will be expended jointly.

The subsidiary lines of the New York Central to share in the loan are: The Big Four, the Cincinnati Northern, the Toledo and Cincinnati, the Zanesville and Western, the Kanawha and Michigan railway and the Lake Erie and Western.

POSTCARD, TRAVELING 4 MILES IN TWO YEARS, REACHES HOME IN OHIO

LESTOWN, O.—A postcard traveled four miles in two years was received here by Mrs. Elmer Jones. The card was mailed December 23, 1918, by friend of Mrs. Jones from Wayland, O., four miles away.



"SUPPOSE NOBODY CARED"
"the Cheerful Giver."

\$10,000 AS HEART BALM SOUGHT

Woman Married 30 Years, Sues Wife of Another

SAYS HE IS UNDER SPELL

Both Women Are Being Sued For Divorce

Declaring that her husband to whom she has been married for 30 years is under the spell of another woman, Mrs. Mamie Ritter, 208 1-2 S. Main-st., has filed suit against Mrs. Effie J. Stewart, Marion, for \$10,000 heart balm.

Mrs. Ritter says her husband desires to return to his family but that he is under the influence of the defendant which is stronger than his own desires.

She alleges his affections were alienated last May when he left her and went to Flint, Mich., to work. In June, he instituted proceedings for divorce, charging his wife with neglect and refusal to accompany him to Flint.

Mrs. Stewart is the wife of Edward Stewart, a driver of a laundry wagon here. Stewart has a suit for divorce pending against her in which he charges her with failure to take care of her home and neglect.

SUITS NOT HEARD.—Neither of the suits have been heard in court.

Mrs. Ritter filed answer to her husband's petition, saying she was not asked to go to Flint and that she had been an invalid. She says she has been negligent in the duties of a housewife.

In her suit for damages against the Stewart woman, Mrs. Ritter alleges that Mrs. Stewart influenced Ritter, telling him what to do and what not to do and coaxed him not to pay for his family.

She mentions letters alleged to have been written to her husband by Mrs. Stewart and says they contained endearing terms.

Stewart and his wife formerly conducted a boarding house at 327 N. Union-st.

The Ritters were married in 1890 and have one son, 19 years old.

SALE AUTHORIZED

Transfer of Ohio Telephone Property is Sanctioned

COLUMBUS.—(By Associated Press.)—Sale of the property of the Central Union Telephone Company in Ohio to the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, was authorized Thursday by the state public utilities commission. The sale price involves approximately \$28,000,000. The entire procedure was practically a paper transaction to separate the Ohio, Indiana and Illinois properties of the Central Union Company.

At the same time, the commission authorized the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the parent concern, to issue \$19,000,000 in common stock and \$10,000,000 worth of demand notes to take up securities issued by the Ohio Bell Company.

The commission fixed the value of the property to be at least \$24,000,000 this, however, not for rate making purposes. No change in rates is involved in the transaction.

MEXICO HAS MUCH UNDEVELOPED OIL LAND

MEXICO CITY.—General Trevino, former secretary of industry and commerce, who is taking an active interest in the future development of Mexico's resources, says that not 20 per cent of his country's oil lands have been explored.

He thinks that Mexico's oil fields offer unlimited opportunity for substantial returns upon investment, enterprise and industry.

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GREAT MISERY SOFTENED

Burgomaster Offers His "Profound and Sincere Thanks"

VIENNA.—(By Associated Press.)—But for the arrival of 900 tons of flour, lent by Germany and Switzerland, Vienna would have been breadless this week. As it was the government was forced to requisition 140 tons of breadstuffs accumulated by the war kitchens during the summer, in order to tide over the crisis.

A considerable consignment of grain secured in Jugo-Slavia and Rumania is tied up at various points along the Danube because of very low water through the autumn and early ice. Efforts are being made to transship by rail but the car and locomotive shortage of all the countries involved, as well as the lack of steam coal delays its arrival.

MESSAGE TO AMERICA.—But for American charity the city authorities concede that Vienna's plight had as it is, would have been infinitely worse this winter. The burgomaster, Dr. Reumann, in appreciation of the extensive American relief being afforded by various organizations has asked The Associated Press to convey to the American people the following Christmas message:

"The distress in which Vienna population is living in consequence of the dreadful war, has highly impressed the American people.

"In Vienna children are starving and perishing from malnutrition, the sick cannot be attended in the hospitals for want of medicines, surgical instruments, dressing-stuffs and other remedies of all kinds; and the mortality is rapidly increasing among the weak and old. All these facts have called up a noble-minded readiness for help very touching to the population of Vienna.

MISERY SOFTENED.—The American people have created a number of relief-committees for the purpose of collecting gifts to be distributed among the indigent of Vienna and the famishing children. The American government has taken a great interest in this relief-work and the American Red Cross has brought love-parcels of a high value in Vienna and softened the great misery to a considerable extent.

"We cannot enough admire this splendid assistance that was shown us in such a humane manner; our language has no words fit for interpreting our feelings of heartfelt thankfulness and gratitude.

"As burgomaster of the city of Vienna, I beg to express herewith my profound and sincere thanks to the generous people of the American state for all the marks of sympathy shown the Vienna population and for all relief and assistance-works bestowed upon it.

"I have the honor to send to it the best wishes of the Vienna town-council for a merry Christmas, assuring you that the population of Vienna will never forget the humanity and philanthropy of America that has relieved and helped us in this time of need."

AUTO KILLS WOMAN.—An unidentified woman was killed by an automobile on State-st. Thursday morning. The driver of an automobile is being held.

An unidentified man, about 26, died in a hospital this morning from a fractured skull sustained when a motorcycle he was riding skidded and overturned this morning.

INJURED IN CRASH.—Alexander Dinda, motorman, suffered a fractured skull and two women passengers were cut by flying glass when an East Seventy-ninth-st. and a Superior-ave. car crashed together Thursday morning. Slippery rails was blamed for the accident.

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Woman Charged with Slaying Millionaire Hamon Guarded by Mexican Official While Hiding Across Border, Claim—Dramatic Story Told as She Surrenders

EL PASO, Texas.—(By Associated Press.)—Clara Barton Smith slept under her parents' roof Wednesday night.

Ending a search by Oklahoma officers which began on November 22, Miss Smith came to Juarez, opposite here, Wednesday night, surrendered to Sheriff Buck Garrett of Ardmore, Okla., and was taken to the home of her father, James L. Smith, in El Paso, where she spent the night.

Thursday, if her condition permits, she will be taken aboard a train for Ardmore, to plead to a murder charge in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon in that city on November 26.

BRITISH REBUKED BY UNCLE SAM

Breach of Diplomatic Courtesy Charged by Washington

RESULT OF CABLE DISPUTE

Embassy Deals Directly With Senator in Matter

WASHINGTON.—(By Associated Press.)—The state department intervened Thursday in what threatened to be a controversy between the British embassy and the senate committee, investigating cable communication over the question of whether there is a British censorship of cable messages to the United States, originating in the British empire.

The department's action was regarded as a rebuke to the embassy for sending direct to Senator Kellogg, chairman of the committee, a letter denying the testimony of Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, that cable messages coming to the United States from Great Britain were subject to delay and examination by the British naval intelligence authorities.

The embassy's action is understood to be regarded by the department as a breach of diplomatic courtesy. The department will take the subject matter of the correspondence up directly with the embassy, but whether it will ask for an explanation of the action of the embassy in writing directly to the senator has not yet been indicated.

A somewhat similar incident occurred recently, Dr. Julio Bianchi, the Guatemalan minister, dealing directly with Senator Moses, of New Hampshire, regarding a resolution the senator had introduced. In that instance the department asked for an explanation and it has been received from Dr. Bianchi what has been described as "an explanation and an apology."

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ROME'S ARMY SWOOPS DOWN ON D'ANNUNZIO'S FORCES

CITIZENS ARE SHUT IN CITY

Plot to Wreck Jugo-Slav Government Unearthed

ROME.—(By United Press.)—Rifle fire spat from the crags and promontory guarding the eastern shore of the Adriatic Thursday. Civil strife between the legionnaires of Fiume and the regular Italian army had begun.

Where government troops had quietly yielded to the poet's troops previously, they braced Thursday, employing machine guns and rifles to show that they will not give further ground.

General Cavalliga, commanding the regular forces surrounding the fortress, has put a blockade on it into effect and announced no breaks in the line will be permitted.

Commandante D'Annunzio met the blockade with another declaration of war and a proclamation, forbidding citizens to leave the city.

The indications were that the government intended to squeeze the commander from his occupation of the port. His troops who had occupied Zara without opposition Wednesday were driven out with no casualties and regulars began constructing the Fiume territory.

An encounter at Golegga, ten miles from Fiume, was said to have resulted in two deaths and minor casualties. Italian destroyers patrolling the rocky coast shelled D'Annunzio's garrisons on Veglia and smaller islands.

PLOT UNCOVERED.

LONDON.—(By United Press.)—A D'Annunzio plot to wreck the Jugo-Slav government and thereby the Adriatic treaty, has been uncovered, according to Milan dispatches. The plot was said to have schemed to desert Fiume, with its force of 8,000 men, and then in Dalmatia simultaneously with a Croatian rebellion and thereby overthrow the government.

The poet's forces were said to number 6,000 legionnaires, five destroyers, two torpedo boats, eight jugs, five steamships and several field gun and machine guns.

BATTERIES SHELLED.

LONDON.—(By Associated Press.)—Military operations have been begun by Italian government troops against forces in and about Fiume, commanded by Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio, who refused to evacuate the city and permit Italy to put into operation the provisions of the treaty of Rapallo. Despatches received here state that military works along the line marking the frontier of the "Regency of Quarnero" have been raided and an Italian destroyer sent out to have shelled D'Annunzio's batteries on the island of Veglia, southwest of Fiume.

An attempt on the part of D'Annunzio to seize control of the Moegana canal, running down the Dalmatian coast behind a screen of low islands, has been foiled. Men dispatched to Castel Venier, northward of Zara, a point which commands the southern entrance to the canal, were forced to retreat, some of them being captured and others killed. D'Annunzio's legionnaires which have been acting as garrison at Zara are said to have fled from that city.

PLAN FRUSTRATED.

It is asserted that D'Annunzio planned to abandon Fiume and to land somewhere along the Dalmatian coast, where he would raise the banner of revolt, hoping to create a situation which would nullify the treaty of Rapallo. His scheme, however, is said to have been frustrated by government troops which have prevented the departure from the city of vessels loaded with legionnaires.

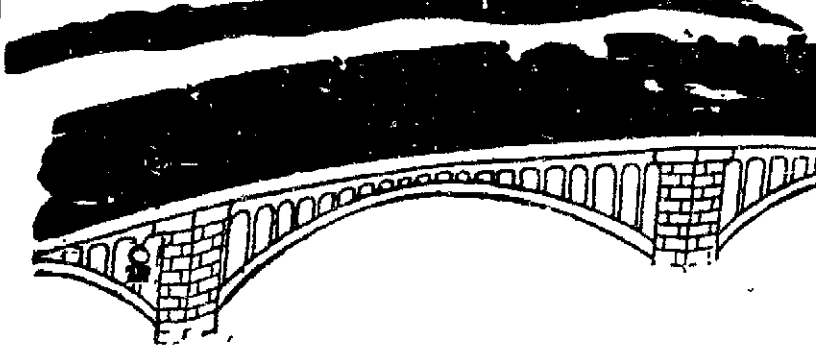
Rome despatches reflected a desire on the part of the Italian government to bring about the peaceful retirement of D'Annunzio from Fiume. It is reported that the Duke of Aosta, the cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, was sent to Fiume and attempt to dissuade the poet-soldier from continuing his opposition to the Rapallo convention.

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A Car Load of White Paper

Is consumed each week by The Lima News and on this basis it means that an entire train would be necessary to haul paper from the mills to Lima for one year's consumption of Lima's leading newspaper.

And just as a matter of information, it may be well to add that The News under its 1921 contract just signed, will be paying 2c a pound MORE for its white paper the first quarter of 1921 than it did the first quarter last year; and in addition, 20 per cent more freight, as all paper is now sold f. o. b. mill, whereas before the war it was f. o. b. sidewalk.

"Lima Leads," and the procession is headed by its Lima News & Times-Democrat.

ASSISTANT TREASURER UNDER ABRAHAM LINCOLN DIES AT THE AGE OF 85

TONOPAH, Nevada.—J. A. Nelson, second assistant treasurer of the United States under President Lincoln, and a witness against the assassin of the martyred executive, died Wednesday, while visiting here at the home of his daughter. He was 85 years old and a native of Ohio.

FOOTBALL COACHES TAKE NOTE—CELEBRATES 74TH BIRTHDAY BY RECORD KICK

LANCASTER, Cal.—T. W. Edwards, really operator, celebrated his 74th anniversary of his birthday here Thursday by kicking a ball from the head of a man six feet, two inches tall, without losing his balance.

"When I am 100 years old," remarked Mr. Edwards, "I shall take on a much taller man."

PATRONS.—On account of Saturday being Christmas day all carriers will make their collections tomorrow, Friday.

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